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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS AT CHICAGO, FEBRUARY 3 AND 4

For the first time in a number of years your Executive Committee held a mid-winter meeting in order to review the present state of ATLA's life and work, and in order to develop plans for the Berkeley Conference, June 20-22, 1956. The meeting was held in connection with the mid-winter Conference of the American Library Association, at Chicago's Edgewater Beach Hotel. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions were held on February 3, and a morning session on February 4, adjourning at 1:00. In addition to fruitful discussion over hotel dining room tables, your Committee spent approximately twelve hours in formal meetings. A detailed agenda had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and committee chairmen had been asked to report progress and ask for guidance if needed. It is possible to report that much ground was covered, good fellowship was experienced, and (we believe) the work of ATLA was constructively assessed.

Present for the meeting were the following, constituting nine out of ten members of the 1955-1956 Executive Committee:

Robert F. Beach, President
Helen B. Uhrich, Vice-President
Alice M. Dagan, Secretary
Ernest M. White, Treasurer
Donn Michael Farris
Connolly Gamble
Elinor C. Johnson
Pamela Quiers
Carl Rasmussen (AATS)

Present by invitation for portions of the meeting were:

Betty Jane Highfield
Chairman of the Membership Committee
Calvin H. Schmitt
Chairman of the Committee on Personnel and Placement

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The work of twelve standing and special committees was reviewed. While there is inadequate space for a full record of the discussions in this report, we should like to communicate those matters in which specific decisions were made, or particular guidance to the committees rendered. In assessing committee services, our intent was not only to look at the actual and planned work of the current year but to form at least a tentative judgment as to the justification for continuance of a committee during the year ahead, so far as essential purposes are concerned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - Continued

On Building and Equipment (Harold Prince, Chairman) it was recommended that the Committee publicize new library equipment such as microcard readers "by including such information in the report to be published in the Proceedings, and by providing literature at the annual conference . . . ." No recommendations on Cataloging and Classification (Ruth C. Eisenhart, Chairman). In looking at the assignment of the Committee on Cooperation (Norman Dow, Chairman) to explore the possibility of a directory of ATLA libraries, it was requested that their committee explore the possibility of having seminary collections included in directories of a type already available (ALA and SLA) rather than to continue the project of introducing a special ATLA directory. Also the view was expressed that the concept of cooperation as now related to the existence of this committee was too vague, and that it would be better to discontinue it after the current year, assigning particular cooperative projects which the Association may desire to standing or pro-tem committees. No recommendations on International Federation of Library Associations (L. R. Elliott, Chairman).

Discussion under the head of Microphotography (Decherd Turner, Jr., Chairman) brought out the wish that the committee continue to gather the opinions of ATLA members in its choice of titles to place on both microcard and microfilm. It was recommended: "a) that the committee determine what microfilms and microcards are available in religion, and take steps to keep ATLA members informed as to what materials are available. b) After expressing appreciation of the theses already produced, it was suggested that somewhat wider participation might be secured if ATLA members were circularized with a comprehensive trial list, from which they might indicate choices, or add suggested items." Balance of discussion of this area was pointed toward questions of microcard copyright and contractual relationship with the new Microcard Foundation. Limited authorization was granted the committee on these matters, and further exploration was requested. On Newsletter (Elizabeth L. Balz, Chairman) it was felt that occasional scholarly articles of some length would be appropriate, probably to be run as supplements. Such material might advance the Newsletter toward a career of more substantial status as a theological library journal. At the same time the way is to be kept open for it to continue to serve as a clearing house for all matters of Association interest.

Membership (Betty Jane Highfield, Chairman) and Constitution (Raymond P. Morris, Chairman) were discussed together, in view of the interrelationship of their concerns. Procedures for the screening of new members were discussed, and a simplified procedure approved. It was proposed that a modest increase in dues be considered, beginning in 1956-57 ($4.00 Active; $3.00 Associate; Institutional to remain the same, for the present, at $5.00). It was desired that the present Constitution remain somewhat general in its stipulations, rather than to develop it to minute legalistic specifications. It was felt that the Association should continue to keep the door open to fellowship with the librarians of Bible college libraries, associate membership (as now constitutionally provided, without vote or office-holding privileges) being the proper status for these colleagues. The Executive Committee reiterated its finding of last June, that active membership be from graduate type schools.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - Continued

Periodical Exchange (Roscoe M. Pierson, Chairman) - no recommendations on the program of the committee proper. (In connection with the further disposition of the remaining broken sets of the American Journal of Theology and Biblical World, now stored at Chicago, it was hoped that this material might be made available en bloc to European theological libraries, through UNESCO.) In reporting the work of the Sealantic Committee (Robert F. Beach, Chairman) the chairman brought out that, after lengthy consideration of all possible projects, the committee had developed documents to request support for two major programs, in both of which ATLA is already substantially involved. One is subsidization of an enlarged periodical index (60 or more titles) to be published annually, with five-year cumulations. The other calls for support of a greatly enlarged program of microphotography, subsidization being required in order to make needed materials more readily available. It is hoped to submit these documents in final form within the next several weeks. Periodical Indexing (Jannette E. Newhall, Chairman): Calvin Schmitt reported for the committee that Volume 2 (1953-1954) will be proofread shortly, with actual publication an expected matter of weeks only. Six hundred copies will be produced and will be priced at $7.50. ALA will continue to market them. With regard to work on Volume 3, it was felt that, pending word of the possibility of Sealantic support of an enlarged Index, the present committee should be requested to determine a list of the sixty journals most appropriate for inclusion, and should work toward solving editorial problems of subject headings.

Last to be discussed was Personnel and Placement (Calvin H. Schmitt, Chairman). The present committee serves as a clearing house for theological library positions, involving correspondence and interviews with administrators and librarians. In view of the dearth of candidates for available positions, and having in mind the relatively high salaries of other types of library positions, it was felt that the committee should "gather data on the salary picture with which we are in competition, and submit findings at Berkeley for further action by the conference."

STRUCTURE AND MISCELLANEOUS

At the Saturday morning session, attention was directed to organizational structure, particularly with relation to the position of Secretary. It was felt important that ATLA move toward a situation in which there could be a partially-salaried Executive Secretary, operating over a span of a few years, with benefits of tenure, consistency of an office address, etc. While your Executive Committee realizes that from the point of view of income alone we are not in a position to realize this goal at once, it believes that a step in this direction is open to us, beginning in 1956-1957. It proposes that the Secretarial position be enlarged by the absorption of such duties as billing, keeping of membership records, production of Proceedings, etc. With this concept belongs the possibility of a small annual remuneration, the prospect of a longer tenure than our present tradition, and the benefits to ATLA of a semi-permanent "headquarters" address. The Executive Committee will bring specific recommendations to the Association at the Berkeley conference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - Continued

The Executive Committee agreed to urge publication of a new edition of the Census of Religious Bodies, based on the 1950 census.

On the possibility of the publication of a continuation of the Bibliography of Post-Graduate Masters Theses in Religion, it was agreed to defer action until greater interest is expressed.

BERKELEY CONFERENCE, JUNE 20-22

Under the direction of Vice-President Helen B. Uhrich, plans for the Berkeley conference were considered in detail. Material elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter will assist in travel plans. Our program is being developed in view of the AATS sessions, with the assurance of at least one joint meeting of the two Associations, focusing on the AATS survey of theological education. In addition to papers and committee reports, plans are being developed for "laboratory visits" (workshops) to library facilities in the area.

Your Executive Committee urges you to make plans early for attendance at Berkeley. A letter to all AATS seminary administrators has recently been sent out, pointing toward the Conference, and urging support of your attendance. We'll hope to see you there!

Robert F. Beach
President, ATLA

PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. Jayne O. Carhart became Associate Librarian of the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, on September 1, 1955, succeeding Mrs. Ruth C. Robbins. Mrs. Carhart was formerly Base Librarian at the Lockland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, before coming to Iliff.

Dr. Arthur E. Jones, Jr., became Librarian of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, on January 1, 1956, succeeding Mr. Edward L. Fortney, who resigned the position effective September 1, 1955. Dr. Jones had been Acting Librarian since that date. Prior to his new appointment, Dr. Jones was Associate Professor of English in the Liberal Arts College at Drew. He received his undergraduate education at the University of Rochester and holds the M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Syracuse University.

Madame Collette Preiss, widow of the late Professor Theo Preiss and Librarian of the Faculte Libre de L'Eglise Reformee de France, is spending a year in the Union Theological Seminary Library in Richmond, Virginia, studying American theological library methods. Madame Preiss acquired her education for librarianship in South Africa.

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE PROGRAM, ATLA, BERKELEY, JUNE 20-22, 1956
(Host: Pacific School of Religion, Stillson Judah, Librarian)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION
Worship
Greetings - Mr. Robert F. Beach, President
Greetings - Representative of Pacific School of Religion
Presentation of Aims of Conference - Miss Helen B. Uhrich
Instructions - Mr. Stillson Judah, Host
Opening Business Session
Announcement of Conference Committee Appointments
Committee Reports
Paper: "Professional Ethics and Librarianship" - Mr. Calvin Schmitt

2:00 p.m. - AFTERNOON SESSION - Joint meeting with AATS
Worship - Dr. Earl Cranston, Dean, School of Religion, University of Southern California
Report on "The Survey of Theological Education" - Dr. H. Richard Niebuhr, Director, Dr. Daniel D. Williams, and others
Address: "Implementing the Findings of the Survey" - Dr. Oren H. Baker, Dean, Colgate Rochester Divinity School
Discussion

7:30 p.m. - EVENING SESSION
Committee Reports
Joint Social Hour with AATS

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION
Worship
Committee Reports
Bibliographical paper on Luther in celebration of the publication of Luther's Works
Workshop on Acquisition and Ordering

2:00 p.m. - AFTERNOON SESSION
Tour of the University of California Library, including "on the spot" workshops on manuscripts, microfilm and rare books, their cataloguing, processing, storing and handling, and an inspection of the divided catalogue.

6:30 p.m. - EVENING SESSION
Banquet
Recognition of New Members
Guest Speaker (to be announced)
Business Session
Committee Reports

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION
Closing Business Session
Committee Reports
Election of Officers

Post-Conference Tour of Berkeley and San Francisco Area

BERKELEY CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Mr. J. Stillson Judah, Librarian of the Pacific School of Religion and host for the Berkeley conference of the ATLA, June 20-22, has submitted the following information for the use of those members planning to attend. Mr. Judah wishes to caution all those who make plans on the basis of the transportation and housing information which follows that, although the rates were correct a short time prior to the publication of the Newsletter, they should be confirmed before definite reservations are made.

Fare information regarding round trip, New York to San Francisco (all fares include 10% federal tax):

Means	Class	Cost	Conditions	Time
Greyhound Bus	-----	$112.31	-----	4 days
Santa Fe Railroad	Coach	$142.90		
	Pullman	220.39	& $31.90 each way for lower berth	3 days
Western Pacific Railroad	Coach	$152.90		
	1st Class	220.39	& $31.90 each way for lower berth	
	Roomette	309.40		3 days
Chicago to San Francisco by Zephyr recommended				
Southern Pacific Railroad	Coach	$152.90		
	Pullman	220.39	& $31.79 each way for lower berth	2½ days
City of San Francisco especially recommended				
United Airlines	1st Class	$332.09		7 hours
	Aircoach	217.80		
	Tourist excursion	176.00	Good Monday through Thursday, within 30 days	9-10 hours
Trans-World Airlines	1st Class	$332.09		7 hours
	Tourist	217.80		
	Tourist excursion	176.00	Monday through Thursday, within 30 days	9-10 hours
North American Airlines	Aircoach	$205.70		
	Tourist	176.00	Monday through Thursday	9 hours

BERKELEY CONFERENCE INFORMATION - Continued

Hotels and Motels in Berkeley, California:

Hotels	No. rooms	Single	Double
Alexander 2109 Shattuck Avenue	64	$2.50 - 3.50	$3.00 - 5.00
Berkeley Inn 2501 Haste Street	84	2.50 - 3.50	3.00 - 5.00
Campanile 2070 University Avenue	40	2.00 - 3.00	3.00 - 4.50
*Carleton 2338 Telegraph Avenue	117	2.50 - 4.00	4.50 - 6.50
*Claremont Ashby and Claremont Avenues	300	3.50 - 12.00	5.00 - 18.00
*Durant 2600 Durant Avenue	200	4.50 - 7.50	6.00 - 11.00
Nash 2045 Shattuck Avenue	50	2.00 - 4.00	3.50 - 6.00
*Shattuck Shattuck and Allston Way	250	4.50 - 10.00	7.50 - 14.00
U. C. 1040 University Avenue	80	2.50 - 5.00	3.00 - 5.00
Motels			
*Berkeley 2001 Bancroft Way	14	4.00 - 5.00	4.50 - 6.00
*Berkeley Plaza 1175 University Avenue	38	5.00	6.00 - 7.00
*California 1461 University Avenue	42	4.00 - 4.50	4.50 - 5.50
Campus 1619 University Avenue	17	5.00	6.00 - 7.00
*Golden Bear 1620 San Pablo Avenue	44	4.50 - 5.00	6.00 - 8.00
*Silva 1512 University Avenue	26	5.00	6.00 - 8.00
*Villa 1155 San Pablo Avenue	31	5.00	6.00 - 7.00

*Recommended

Meals will be served by the host seminary with the rates to be announced later. A certain amount of housing will also be available at the Pacific School of Religion and at other cooperating seminaries in the immediate area. Details and rates will be provided when the host seminary asks that reservations be made for the conference.

BERKELEY CONFERENCE INFORMATION - Continued

Suggestions for clothing preparations:

California weather varies considerably in the month of June, in accordance with the location of the several distinct regions: mountains, valleys, coast-line, desert and bay areas. Therefore, the suggestions for clothing here given are pertinent only to the conditions in the Berkeley-San Francisco area, and are limited because of the assumption that a person extending his Berkeley trip to include other parts of California will look into the weather conditions of those localities.

The bay area in the month of June is unique, with its rather consistent temperatures which are quite various in different regions separated by only a few miles. Weather in Berkeley and most of the East Bay is mild and fair (70-85 degrees) with little possibility of rain, though frequent morning fogs can be expected as they drift in from the ocean. Nights are quite cool.

Areas outside of the bay region will be hotter and more humid in June. San Francisco, however, is a windy, cold city at any time of the year, and one will need a topcoat to be comfortable.

It is suggested, briefly, that for visiting in Berkeley and environs one should dress appropriately for mild, temperate and balmy summer weather, being prepared also for the cool evenings. It may also be noted that although white palm beach suits are worn in Los Angeles they are never worn in Berkeley (due to the almost constant year-round conditions).

CHARTERED BUS PROPOSED FOR BERKELEY TRIP

Mrs. Grace M. Teague, Librarian of the Religion Section, Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tennessee, has investigated the possibility of as many as 33 persons chartering a bus for the round trip between Nashville and Berkeley. The round trip would occupy sixteen days, including those on which the ATLA conference meets in Berkeley, and would include sight-seeing at points of interest along the route. The trip would leave Nashville on Tuesday, June 12 and proceed to Berkeley by way of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Grand Canyon, Arizona, and Hollywood, California. The return trip would be made through Salt Lake City, Utah, Gunnison, Colorado, and Dodge City, Kansas, and would return to Nashville on Wednesday, June 27. Minimum expenses for the trip, including bus fare, lodgings, food and tips, are estimated at $175-$200 per passenger.

Persons who are located conveniently to Nashville and who are interested in the chartered bus trip as outlined may secure additional details by writing to Mrs. Grace M. Teague, Religion Section, Joint University Libraries, Nashville, Tennessee.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MEET

The librarians of institutions devoted to religion in the New York area met at the General Theological Seminary Library on the evening of Tuesday, November 22, 1955, for reorganization and for a social gathering. For many years, New York's librarians met as the Religious group of the New York Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. By a mail vote conducted by Mr. Robert Beach at the request of SLA, this connection was discontinued. The purpose of the November 22 meeting was to reorganize the group on an independent basis. This was achieved and Miss Margaret T. Hills, Librarian of the American Bible Society, was elected chairman for the current year. Miss Margaret Wright, Reference Librarian at the General Theological Seminary, was chosen to serve as vice-chairman this year and as chairman next year. The general purpose of the group is to cultivate and maintain friendly personal and professional relations among the religious librarians of the area. About 25 librarians attended the meeting.

The Western Theological Library Association, because of the distance between San Francisco and Los Angeles, experimented on December 16, 1955, with a si Ltaneous section meeting in each city. The southern section considered cooperative inter-library loan privileges, bibliographic control for works in major languages, and the problems of expansion in Dewey 200. Six libraries were represented.

The northern section considered library activities of UNESCO, work simplification procedures, unsolved problems of the biographical section of the Union Theological Seminary classification, revision of the California Union List of Serials, book mending and entertainment of the 1956 ATLA convention. Eight libraries were represented.

VANDERHOOF APPOINTED TO ALA COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank M. Vanderhoof, Librarian of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, has been appointed to represent the ATLA as a consultant on a new committee entitled the Committee on Reprinting. This committee is sponsored by the Board on Acquisition of Library Materials of the American Library Association. The purpose of the committee is to act as a central co-ordinating agency and clearing-house for libraries and publishers with respect to reprinting needs for out-of-print and out-of-stock books. Mr. Vanderhoof will have responsibility to serve as a leader and co-ordinator in the suggesting and testing of titles put forward in the area of religion. Members of ATLA are urged to send him their suggestions. Mr. Vanderhoof should be addressed at: The Divinity School Library, The University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Illinois.

NEW PERIODICALS

In January, 1956, the Manchester University Press began publication of a new quarterly, the Journal of Semitic Studies, edited by H. H. Rowley, Professor of Hebrew Language and Literature in the University of Manchester, and P. R. Weis, Nathan Laski Senior Lecturer in Post-Biblical Jewish Studies, Manchester. It is published with the support of the Isaac Wolfson Foundation.

The field of study with which the Journal will be concerned is a broad one, and the editors hope to have in its pages articles of linguistic, literary, historical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jewish studies will be especially represented, covering the whole period of Israel's history, save that current affairs will not be included. A number of outstanding scholars, both in Old Testament and Jewish studies, and in Arabic and Accadian studies, have promised articles for the early issues. Where possible short notes will be published on any problem of scholarship. Each issue will contain book reviews and short notices, and the cooperation of publishers is invited to enable reviews of all major works of scholarship within the scope of the Journal to be included in its pages.

The articles will normally be in English, but French and German articles will be included from time to time. Semitic types will be used when necessary, but when possible transliteration will be employed. As the sales of the Journal make it possible, it is hoped to issue more extended studies in the form of monographs associated with the Journal under the title Studia Semitica.

The annual subscription rate is $4.50. Single issues are $1.50 each. Subscriptions should be addressed to the Manchester University Press, 316-324 Oxford Road, Manchester 13, England.

E. J. Brill of Leiden published in January, 1956, the first number of a new periodical, Novum Testamentum, An International Quarterly for New Testament and Related Studies Based on International Cooperation. Intended as a companion to the already well-established quarterly, Vetus Testamentum, the new venture is to be guided by an editorial board of fifteen scholars representing as many centers of New Testament study in nine countries. The articles are to be in French, English or German. Each volume is to consist of 320 pages.

Subscriptions should be addressed to E. J. Brill, Leiden, The Netherlands. The annual subscription rate is $6.85.

The first number of L'Orient Syrien, Revue Trimestrielle d'Etudes & de Recherches sur Les Eglises de Langue Syriaque, appeared in January, 1956.

The editor is Mgr. G. Khouri-Sarkis; and the publication office is located at 93, avenue Paul-Doumer, Paris 16, France. Libraries in the United States and Canada may send subscriptions to the American representative, Mrs. Fred Tesseine, 2114 Tenway Drive, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan. The subscription rate is $3.50 a year.

KATHERINE DIEHL PUBLISHES BIBLIOGRAPHY

Miss Katherine Smith Diehl, former Librarian of Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Texas, and an associate member of ATLA, has recently published Religions, Mythologies, Folklores: An Annotated Bibliography. The compiler, in her preface, describes its scope as follows: ". . . an introduction to the literature of faith and practice in all cultures. It includes books of general and specific reference, literatures, literary and historical guides, various scriptures and their commentaries, records of institutional accomplishment, and biographies of men and women whose very lives have been the expression of deepest, simplest devotion." It has been planned for both "the reading and scholarly folk" and "the librarians who make books accessible."

The volume is divided into four sections dealing with universal religious knowledge, religions exclusive of the Judaeo-Christian tradition, the Judaeo-Christian tradition, and journals. The first three of these sections are subdivided for convenient reference. 1240 items are listed.

Entries conform to those used by the Library of Congress and the LC card number is given after the collation. Annotations are provided which include special mention of contents, of bibliographies, illustrations, indexes, and general textual coverage. An author and title index is included.

Miss Diehl's book is published by the Scarecrow Press in New Brunswick, New Jersey, bears a 1956 copyright date, and is priced at $6.50.

REQUEST FROM COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Dr. Raymond P. Morris, chairman of the Committee on the Constitution, announces that his committee will welcome comments from ATLA members as to those points at which the present constitution could well be revised. Anyone not having a copy of the constitution may secure one by requesting it from Dr. Morris, while suggestions should be directed to him at the earliest convenient time. All communications should be addressed to: Dr. Raymond P. Morris, Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut.

BACK NUMBERS OF MUSLIM WORLD AVAILABLE

Back issues of the Muslim World, a quarterly devoted to Islamic thought and Christian missions, are available at reduced rates. The price for all issues through 1939 is 25 cents a number; for the years 1940-1952, 50 cents a number. The current subscription rate is $3.00. Orders may be addressed to the Muslim World, Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford 5, Connecticut. Most numbers are available. A mimeographed list of available numbers can be obtained from the address above.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT NOTES

The Alfred University School of Theology moved during the summer to new quarters at 58 South Main Street in Alfred, New York, and a working section of its library was transferred to the new address. The Gothic, the historic building which formerly housed the School of Theology, is to be razed to make way for a new University Library; and until the new building has been completed, approximately two-thirds of the School of Theology library will remain in storage. Mr. Melvin G. Nida is the Librarian.

The North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has begun preliminary planning for a library expansion program to be carried out within the next few years. Dr. George A. Dunger is the Librarian.

The construction of the new Robert E. Speer Library at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey, was begun on schedule early in December, 1955. The architects are George A. and George T. Licht; the associated architects are O'Connor and Kilham. Dr. Keyes D. Metcalf served as library consultant in the planning of the building. The building will provide space for approximately 400,000 volumes. The total seating capacity will be 250 seats; of these, 100 seats will be in the main reading room, 44 in unassigned carrels, 72 in seminar rooms, 10 in private studies and 25 in the lounge. A separate entrance will provide access to four classrooms seating 25 students each; these have been added to the library in order to provide room for the expansion of the bookstack when necessary. The building, which is expected to cost about one and a half million dollars, is being erected by the Turner Construction Company. It will be ready for occupancy in the spring of 1957.

Ground was broken on June 9, 1955, for an addition to the administration building of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. The need for expanded library facilities, additional classroom space, and an auditorium has been felt for several years, and the completion of Seabury Hall scheduled now for June, 1956, will bring a long-term plan to realization. Another reading room, stacks for 50,000 volumes, a music room, needed carrels, and an efficient charging center will make the Library more able to perform its main mission in the teaching task of the Seminary. Childs and Smith of Chicago have designed the new building, Bulley and Andrews have built it, and the Library Bureau is in process of planning the layout of the new library facilities in conjunction with the Librarian. Dedication of the new building is set for Wednesday, June 6.

Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, has recently completed its new building in which entirely new quarters are provided for its library. New stacks offer space for the shelving of approximately 75,000 volumes, more than double the size of the present collection; and the reading room contains study space for almost ninety percent of the student body. Miss Mildred Schuppert is the Librarian.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIES
Minutes of the Founding Conference
Brussels, September 10, 1955

On Saturday, September 10, 1955, a meeting of theological librarians and others was held at the University of Brussels in conjunction with the session of the Council of the International Federation of Library Associations. The purpose of the meeting was to organize an international theological library association, which would become affiliated with the International Federation of Library Associations.

The meeting was convened by Dr. T. P. Sevensma, and the statutes of the constitution, which had been previously prepared, were read, discussed and altered. Brevity seemed to be one of the primary requisites in writing the statutes, in order to give the new association as great a freedom as possible to its direction of growth. The following were among the points most discussed:

Federation vs. Association

Whereas in the earlier pre-conference discussions the organization was conceived as an international federation of library associations, in the discussion at Brussels it was felt that because of the paucity of such theological library associations, individual librarians and others should be included, in order to make the organization truly representative of many faiths and countries; likewise, if international projects were proposed, individuals would have to be included, in order to make the projects representative. Therefore the new organization has become an association of libraries and library associations, rather than a federation of library associations.

Membership and Voting

In the article on membership and voting much discussion revolved around the question of inclusiveness. Whereas there are only two theological library associations that are or will be national in scope, there is a theological section of a larger library association, representing a major faith, and therefore membership was made to include not only theological library associations, but also sections of library associations, where possible and desirable.

Article IIb was written to include libraries and individuals who would be qualified to represent a major faith in a country where no association existed whose membership could be included under the previous article. Membership was also to be given to representatives of organizations which would represent the interests of a major faith or of a number of faiths.

In order to encourage the growth and membership of theological library associations, and also to give greater weight to the vote of an association member, which might represent many librarians, five votes were given to each such member.

IATL Minutes - continued

Officers

The following officers were elected:

President: Mr. Roger Thomas, Librarian of the Dr. Williams's Library in London
Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. Stillson Judah, Librarian of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California

Resolution to Affiliate with IFLA

Finally, a resolution was made to affiliate the new association with the International Federation of Library Associations as a new subject sub-section. (This resolution was read on the following Saturday before the International Federation of Library Associations and was passed.)

Persons Attending the Conference

The following persons attended the conference meeting:

Dr. T. P. Sevensma, formerly Librarian of the University of Amsterdam
Dr. Douglas Bryant, Administrative Assistant Librarian of the Harvard University Libraries and Vice-President of IFLA
Dr. Pierre Bourgois, Librarian of the Swiss National Library at Berne, and President of IFLA
Mr. Robert Collison, Reference Librarian of the Westminster Public Library, Chairman and representative of the Standing Conference of Theological and Philosophical Libraries of London
Mr. Norman S. Lynravn, Australia House, Strand, London
Dr. Hans Harms, Associate Director of the Study Department of the World Council of Churches, Geneva
Dr. Curt Wormann, Director of the Jewish National and University Library, Jerusalem
Father Ricardo Belasco Genova, Inspector Central Espana
Dr. L. R. Elliott, Librarian of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas
Mr. Stillson Judah, Librarian of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California

Dr. Elliott and Mr. Judah were the two representatives of the American Theological Library Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Stillson Judah, Secretary-Treasurer
International Association of Theological Libraries

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIES

STATUTES

Article I. Name and Purposes

The name of this organization shall be the International Association of Theological Libraries which shall have the following purposes:

a. To coordinate and facilitate the work of theological library associations and libraries throughout the world,
b. To develop international projects which will further theological research in all fields of religion, and to create thereby greater understanding among peoples of all religions, and
c. To encourage the development of theological libraries and librarianship.

Article II. Membership and Voting

The membership shall consist of:

a. Theological library associations and the sections of library associations, and
b. Libraries, organizations, and individuals interested in the purposes of this association.

Voting shall be recorded as follows:

a. Five votes for each association member as stipulated in paragraph a. of this article, and
b. One vote for each corporate or individual member as stipulated in paragraph b. of this article.

Article III. Government

The officers of this association shall be a president, at least two vice-presidents, and a secretary-treasurer, who shall serve for terms of five years. The officers shall comprise an Executive Board to conduct the business of the association between meetings and to appoint standing and special committees.

Article IV

No decision of this association shall be binding on any member association until ratified.

Article V

This statute may be amended by a 3/4 majority vote of the membership provided notice of the proposed amendment has been circulated to the membership at least six months before the vote is taken.

Brussels, September 11th, 1955